

convenient operation from a single set of function keys. (Abstract). Tanaka discloses a first and a second audiovisual (AV) device which are connected together. (Col. 2, 19-24). The second AV device includes a memory as well as a CPU to control reading and writing done by the memory. (Col. 2, 60-65). The memory stores main processing data and control data corresponding to each function of the second AV device. (Col. 2, 60-65). When a mode or function of the second AV device is selected from a function key panel on the first AV device, the second AV device executes the selected function according to a control signal from the first AV device. (Col. 3, 40-42).

Tanaka does not disclose the event manager responsible for delivering a message within the device where an object within the device can exchange a message with an unspecified destination without any discrimination between outside and inside the device by simply exchanging a message with the event manager in a one-to-one communication.

Specifically, Claim 1 relates to an information signal transmission device, connected to a network, for transmitting an information signal. The device includes information broadcasting means for broadcasting a message to the network, information receiving means for receiving a message broadcast to the network, and an event manager for delivering the broadcast message within the device. Tanaka does not disclose, teach or suggest the event manager for delivering the broadcast message within the device.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention claimed in claim 1 is patentable over the prior art.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for allowance and is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions related to this Response, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the Applicant's attorney, Maurice E. Teixeira, to discuss this Response.

It is further submitted that no fees are due in connection with this response at this time. However, if any fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the office is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account 02-1818. If such a withdrawal is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket No. (0112857-120) on the account statement.

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